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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Revised Terms of Reference for the Middle East  
Psychological Strategy Plan

You will recall that in the Draft Terms of Reference for Ad Hoc Panel "H" (Psychological Strategy Plan for the Middle East) it was indicated in the footnote on Page 1 that the Terms of Reference would be amended to conform with NSC 129 in the event the objectives stated in that paper should be revised before approval.

NSC 129 has now been approved as NSC 129/1. Objective b. was revised as follows: The phrase "in the area" was deleted and the phrase "and at the same time to strengthen Western influence" substituted. This was the only change in the objectives.

Accordingly, I have issued the Terms of Reference with this change, on the basis of your approval of the original Draft of the Terms of Reference.



Raymond B. Allen  
Director

Enclosure:

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Terms of Reference for the  
Middle East Psychological  
Strategy Plan -- Panel "H",  
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cc: Honorable Allen Dulles

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These Terms of Reference were approved  
by action of the Psychological Strategy  
Board.

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I. The Problem

To devise a national psychological strategy plan for the Middle East. For the purpose of this plan the following countries will be included: Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Israel and Iran. The plan will also take into consideration the strategic interrelationships of this area with nearby countries such as French North Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkey.

II. Objectives

By means of coordinated psychological operations, to further the following national objectives in that area:\*

- a. To overcome or prevent instability within these countries which threatens Western interests.
- b. To prevent the extension of Soviet influence and at the same time to strengthen Western influence.

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\*These objectives are taken verbatim from NSC 129/1, April 24, 1952, STATEMENT OF POLICY proposed by the National Security Council on United States Objectives and Policies with Respect to the Arab States and Israel, which was approved by the President on April 24, 1952. While they do not appear in NSC 107/2 (Iran), which is more specifically worded, they are sufficiently broad to be in consonance with that paper.

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- d. To strengthen the will and ability of these countries to resist possible future aggression by the Soviet Union.
- e. To establish, within the community of nations, a new relationship with the states of the area that recognizes their desire to achieve status and respect for their sovereign equality.

**III. Tasks**

The furtherance of the above mentioned national objectives by means of coordinated psychological operations will require the working out by this Panel of a series of psychological tasks.

**IV. Planning Emphasis**

In the setting of these tasks the panel will take into account both long-range and short-term considerations. In this connection short-range considerations may roughly be defined as those applying between the present and January 1954.

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